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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a Japanese Office Action, dated June 10, 2008, issued in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-195086, and copies of the foreign reference cited therein. Also enclosed is Form PTO/SB/08A, listing the cited references.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, but prior to a Final Office Action or issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or issuance of any other action closing prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, the fee of \$180.00 is enclosed herewith.

The following Statement is made under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e):

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To the extent that the enclosed reference, JP 11-004031, is not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed English language Abstract.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the present submission of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, during examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 Case: 520.44257X00).

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